



The Hon Graham Annesley MP

Minister for Sport and Recreation

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PROFESSIONAL GOLF ASSOCIATION'S DRIVE DOWN MEMORY LANE

Minister for Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, recognised a century of professional golf in Australia when he joined State Member for Granville, Tony Issa MP, and Patron, Dan Cullen to officially open an exhibition at the Australian Golf Heritage Society (AGHS) Museum in Granville to mark the occasion.

Minister Annesley said, "The PGA of Australia was founded in September 1911 and over the past 100 years we have had the pleasure of seeing Australian golfers continually feature prominently on the world stage.

"I'm certain fans across the country have very fond memories of our golfing greats particularly the likes of Kel Nagle, Peter Thomson, Karrie Webb and Greg Norman who regularly flew the Australian flag courtesy of their golfing achievements."

The '*100 years of the Professional Golfers Association of Australia*' exhibition showcases memorabilia from the AGHS's own collection, as well as items loaned from the NSW Sports Hall of Fame and the Golf Society of Australia.

Items on display include a set of clubs belonging to 1911 Australian Open winner Carnegie Clark, a tool box belonging to early 20th century golfing champion Dan Souter, photographs and golfing equipment.

Mr Annesley congratulated the AGHS on the exhibition, noting their museum is an excellent resource to golfers, golf clubs and historians alike.

"Golf fans will appreciate the quality of the society's collection, research, and preservation of information and objects connected with the history of golf in Australia.

Mr Annesley said golf is a popular sport in Australia, played by nearly half a million people nation-wide, and an excellent form of healthy, physical activity.

"The NSW Government is a proud supporter of golf and has invested more than \$550,000 in golf facilities and programs throughout the State since 2009," Mr Annesley said.

"Entry to the exhibition is free and I would encourage all dedicated golf enthusiasts and lovers of sport to visit the Museum for a walk down memory lane," Mr Annesley said.

The Australian Golf Heritage Society Museum is located at 1/4 Parramatta Rd, Granville. For more information on the AGHS, including museum opening hours, please visit the website at www.australiangolfheritage.org.au.

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